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In re Patent Application of: ) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
GREENACRE et al. ) STATEMENT  
Application No. 10/635,266 )  
Filing Date: August 6, 2003 )  
For: CONTROL SYSTEM AND METHOD )  
FOR AUTOMOTIVE DECORATIVE )  
LIGHTING )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

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Respectfully submitted,  
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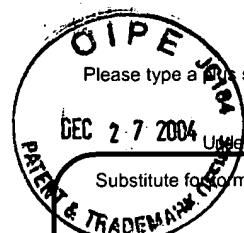
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